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Dear Prof. Watson: Thank you very  
much for the roses. They have helped  
to clear my mind. I think  
what has confused me most has  
been finding specimens with habit  
& spines of humilis but with sepals  
not seemingly lobed. Again the  
spines will seem to be of humilis  
on new shoots, but on older ones  
stouter and somewhat curved.

I find in a pond here what  
I take to be Sparganium simplex,  
Huds., var. fluitans of Gray's Manual,  
credited them to "Ponds at base of  
White Mts." I have never seen the  
var. angustifolium, so this may  
be it, but I think not.

M<sup>rs</sup>. truly,

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